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3 Assassination Figures Sign Options for Film

DALLAS (AP)—Three principals in the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy and its aftermatr have signed options with a movie company planning a production about the tragedy, Dist. Atty. Henry Wade says.

But the options have run out, he said yesterday, and no production is expected soon.

Wade's partner in his private law firm heads the production company. Wade is one of the officers and says he also has an option to work with the film.

Others who signed options, Wade said, include Jesse Curry, Dallas police chief at the time of the assassination, and Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown.

Brown heard the 1964 trial of Jack Ruby, slayer of the man the Warren Commission named as the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. The judge had announced plans to write a book about the trial.

Wade said his role in the movie, called "Countdown in Dallas," would be primarily as technical adviser, but he said he would have a speaking part "if they made the right kind of a deal."

Marvin Thomas, Wade's law partner, is top officer of Flag-Star, Inc., the production company, and Robert Larson of Hollywood is director of the film and also an officer in the production company.

Background scenes of the Texas School Book Depository were filmed several weeks ago.

Wade said, however, that "I certainly don't see any film about the assassination being made in the near future."

He said the original options were signed during talks with Larson last spring and the time has now expired with no new option talks underway.

Wade said he has had no part in raising money for the film production.